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C/o Marlene H. Dortch  
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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Re: Proceeding 02-306

Dear Commissioners:

As a member of the California State Assembly, I have made it a priority to see that my constituents and all Californians have every opportunity for savings, convenience and value in their telecommunications services. FCC approval of SBC Pacific Bell's request to enter the long distance market will further that goal.

SBC Pacific Bell's long distance application was approved by the California Public Utilities Commission on September 19, 2002. The CPUC's thorough review resulted in a finding that SBC Pacific Bell has opened up its local markets to competition. Based on this finding, it is clear that SBC Pacific Bell should now be given the opportunity to provide long distance service in California.

As demonstrated in other states, California citizens stand only to gain from SBC Pacific Bell's entry into the long distance market. Prices will drop for all telecom services and Californians stand to save hundreds of millions of dollars each year. My constituents will greatly benefit from these lower phone prices.

Moreover, SBC Pacific Bell is one of California's largest employers of union workers. SBC Pacific Bell's long distance entry will create more union-supported jobs for Californians.

I urge you to approve SBC Pacific Bell's application to enter the long distance market.

Sincerely,

Carl Washington  
Member, California State Assembly

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